

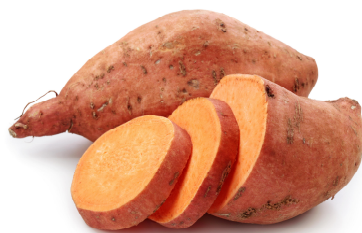
North Carolina Child Nutrition Weekly Update

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Remember! *It's Sweet Potato Month!*
Let us know what your schools are doing to celebrate and promote the #1 vegetable grown in North Carolina.

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Reduced Price Breakfast Reimbursement Payments

The decision has been made to require the School Food Authority (SFA) to revise the monthly claims for reimbursement as opposed to the new feature in the system. The decision was based on concerns regarding audit compliance. To expedite the payment of the reduced price breakfast funds, please modify the July 2012 through December 2012 claims for reimbursement prior to Friday, February 22, 2013 as follows:

NOTICE: The procedure for revising monthly claims vary depending the on the month. Please review the following two sets of instructions carefully.

(1) The following steps should be taken to revise claims for the months of **July, August and September 2012:**

- Log into the CN Technology System at <https://www.ncchildnutrition.org>
- Select Claims tab
- Select Claim- SNP
- Select Claim Month (July, August & September)
- Select "Add Revision"
- Scroll to the bottom and select "Save"
- Check the Certification statement box
- Select "Submit for Payment"
- Select "Correct Later" when the error message appears on the screen

(2) The following steps should be taken to revise claims for the months of **October, November and December 2012:**

- Select Claim Month (October, November & December)
- Select "Add Revision"
- Select "Revise" listed by an individual site
- Scroll to the bottom and select "Save"
- Select "Continue"
- Check the Certification statement box
- Select "Submit for Payment"
- Select "Correct Later" when the error message appears on the screen (applies only to October)

Authorization has been provided to the NCDPI Operational Accounting Department to process all claims that have an error message. This email communication was provided by Dr. Harvey on February 12, 2013. No further action is required by the SFA once the revised claims are submitted.

Any questions should be directed to Janet Johnson at janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov or 919.807.4043.

USDA Policy Memos

Please be sure to review the following recently released USDA Policy Memos. The memos and attachments are included and are also available on the Child Nutrition website at:

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/regulations-policies/usda-policy-memos/2013>

- **SP 10-2013 REVISED** – Questions and Answers on the Final Rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (*Released January 25, 2013*)”
 - SP 10-2013 Questions and Answers for Program Operators
- **SP 16-2013** – Revised Meat/Meat Alternates and Milk Charts in the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs*
 - SP 16-2013 Attachment A – Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs: Section 1 – Meat/Meat Alternates
 - SP 16-2013 Attachment B – Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs: Section 4 - Milk
- **SP 19-2013** – Paid Lunch Equity: School Year (SY) 2013-2014 Calculations
- **SP 20-2013** – Quarterly Reporting Associated with School Food Authority Certification for Performance Based Reimbursement
- **SP 21-2013** – Family Friendly Applications

Should you have questions about either of these memos please contact your regional consultants.

(8) attachments:

- sp-10-2012 rev.pdf**
- sp-10-2012 q&A r6.pdf**
- sp-16-2013.pdf**
- sp-16-2013a1.pdf**
- sp-16-2013a2.pdf**
- sp-19-2013.pdf**
- sp-20-2013.pdf**
- sp-21-2013.pdf**

****REMINDER**** 2013 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference

This reminder that the No Kid Hungry Child Hunger Leaders Conference is on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. If you plan to attend, but have not yet registered, please confirm your attendance by clicking the green button on the registration page at: <http://2013ncchildhungerleadersconference.eventbrite.com> .

This conference, which is located in Chapel Hill, NC, is open to Child Nutrition personnel, leaders and other individuals. It will be an opportunity to collaborate on ways to feed more children and learn to access federal funding to help fulfill the nutritional needs of hungry children in communities across the state.

Please review the attached invitation for additional details and registration information. Should you have questions please contact Tamara Baker, Program Manager, No Kid Hungry NC, at tbaker@strength.org, or by phone at 919.933.7650.

(1) attachment: child hunger leaders conf.pdf

Celebrate Sweet Potato Month in February

North Carolina is #1 in sweet potato production and now schools have a chance to be best in class in sweet potato promotion! February is Sweet Potato Month, and the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission is sponsoring a promotion contest for N.C. schools to celebrate.



Guidelines:

- Submit pictures or portfolios of promotional and educational efforts about sweet potatoes that occurred in your school/cafeteria in February.
- All items are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2013.
- Send items to Heather Barnes, NCDA&CS, 1020 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1020 or heather.barnes@ncagr.gov

Resources are available on the N.C. Sweet Potato website, www.ncsweetpotatoes.com. Lesson plans, posters and other educational materials are available by emailing ncsweetsue@aol.com. A list of suggested activities is available at www.ncfarmtoschool.com

Prizes:

Winners will be recognized by the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission and N.C. Farm to School.

- 1st place \$250
- 2nd place \$150
- 3rd place \$100

For more information about the sweet potato promotion or Farm to School, see the attached flyer, activities list and newsletter and/or contact Heather Barnes at heather.barnes@ncagr.gov or 919-707-3127.

(3) Attachments: [nc farm2sch nwsltr.pdf](#)
 [sweet potato activities.pdf](#)
 [sweet potato flyer.pdf](#)

*****REMINDER** Verification Summary Report – Due Date Approaching***

The due date to complete the online Verification Summary report is **March 1, 2013**. The Child Nutrition Technology System is open for submission of the report at this time. Please keep in mind that the report may not be finalized until after February 15, 2013 unless all households responded to the verification process completed on November 15, 2012.

If you have questions about submitting your Verification Summary Report, please contact Karla Wheeler at karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-3518.

Weekly Q&A – Are Trans Fats Allowed in NSLP and SBP?

Question:

Are trans fats allowed in menu items served in the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast programs?

Answer:

Added/Synthetic (or artificial) trans fats are not allowed in any menu items. Naturally occurring trans fat found in products such as beef, lamb, and dairy products made with whole milk are allowed.

There are two main sources of dietary trans fatty acids (trans fat). Naturally occurring trans fat is found in small amounts in the fatty parts of meat and dairy products. Added/Synthetic (or artificial) trans fat comes from foods that contain partially hydrogenated oil and is formed when hydrogen is added to liquid oil turning it into solid fat. Partially hydrogenated oils are the primary source of trans fats, which have been shown to be potentially more harmful to arteries than saturated fat.

Foods can be labeled as containing “zero trans fats” even if they contain up to half a gram of trans fats per serving. Look on the ingredients list to determine if a food is actually trans fat free. If a food contains partially hydrogenated oils, it contains added/synthetic trans fats.

For commercially prepared products, schools must refer to the nutrition facts panel or manufacturer’s specifications to determine that there are zero grams of trans fat per serving. For mixed dishes that may contain both naturally occurring trans fat (e.g., beef) and added/synthetic trans fat, the only certain way to determine if the product is in compliance is for schools to request information from suppliers on how much of the trans fat is naturally occurring versus if any of the ingredients contain added/synthetic trans fat. If there is trans fat listed on the nutrition facts panel of a product containing meat or dairy the SFA should request documentation from the manufacturer that reports the source of the trans fat.

References:

USDA Memorandum SP10-2012, Final Rule “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” *QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR PROGRAM OPERATORS*, Revised 10/3/2012

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/ucm079609.htm>

Please be sure to contact your regional Child Nutrition Consultant with any questions.

Vacancy Announcement – Durham Public Schools Executive Director for CN

Durham County Public Schools Durham Public Schools is seeking a proven leader to serve as Executive

Director for Child Nutrition. They are looking for someone that will be able to perform all of the traditional duties of a Child Nutrition Director with a particular focus in the following areas:

- Enhancement of recipes to improve food quality and taste
- Food presentation upgrades
- Marketing of the Child Nutrition program to schools, parents and students
- Proven leadership skills in a Child Nutrition setting
- Compliance with applicable laws, policies and guidelines

The posting can be found on the Durham County Public Schools website at <http://www.dpsnc.net> under "Jobs". April 1st is the targeted hire date.

Vacancy Announcement – Craven County Child Nutrition Supervisor

Craven County Schools is in search of a Child Nutrition Supervisor. Please review the attached vacancy announcement for further details and application instructions.

Questions about this position should be directed to Gretchen Wilson, Director of Child Nutrition Services at gretchen.wilson@craven.k12.nc.us.

(1) Attachment: craven supv.pdf

Mark Your Calendar

February 2013	Sweet Potato Month
February 15 (Friday)	Deadline for January Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement
February 21	Region 6 Policy Update
February 22	Region 8 Policy Update
March 2013	National Nutrition Month
March 1	Deadline for submitting Verification Summary Report
March 1	Due Date for Financial Form (Semi-Annual FC1-A)
March 4-8	School Breakfast Week
March 3-6	Legislative Action Conference (SNA) – Washington, DC
**March 10 (Sunday)	Deadline for submitting February Claim for Reimbursement
March 15 (Friday)	Deadline for February Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement
March 26 – 27	Potential Sponsor Workshop

**** REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10th falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. Also remember, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any claim for reimbursement that is submitted after the 10th with the "10 day" error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. It is not

necessary to contact the Child Nutrition office when you receive the error message in this situation. However, if a claim reimbursement is submitted after the 10th for any other reason, you must contact us. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.